

REMARKS

With this Response Applicant respectfully requests that claims 1-21 be canceled without prejudice. Claims 22-TBD are presented herein. Therefore, claims 22-41 are pending.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-5 and 13-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,046,742 issued to Chari (*Chari*). These claims have been canceled, rendering rejection of these claims moot.

Claims 6-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,041,350 issued to Takimoto (*Takimoto*). These claims have been canceled, rendering rejection of these claims moot.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 17-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Chari* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,999,179 issued to Kekic et al. (*Kekic*). These claims have been canceled, rendering rejection of these claims moot.

NEW CLAIMS

Claims 22-41 are presented herein. Applicant respectfully submits that no new material has been added, but all new claims find support in the Application as originally filed. Applicant further respectfully submits that these claims include elements not disclosed in the cited references. Applicant notes, for example, at least that the references generally refer to the execution and use of a management environment, and do not discuss the development of the environments. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that rejection of these claims under the cited references would be improper.

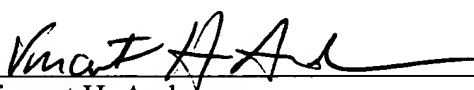
CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that all rejections have been overcome, placing all pending claims in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the above-referenced application.

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